

Amendments to the claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
registering₁ in a controller entity₁ a plurality of contact addresses for a user;
receiving₁ at the controller entity₁ a request ~~at the controller entity~~ for a
communication link to the user;
querying₁ by the controller entity₁ a database at a home subscriber server for
information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request, when a user
preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the
registering₁, wherein said queried information indicates indicating whether ~~[[if]]~~ said
request is to be forked at least one of in parallel or sequentially, wherein the controller
entity is implemented at a serving call state control function; and
processing₁ at the controller entity₁ the request ~~in accordance with~~ based on the
queried information from the database, when a user preference for forking has not been
included in at least one of the request or the registering wherein the processing occurs
in accordance with the information from the database if no user preference has been
indicated for the known contact addresses, the user preference indicating if a request is
to be forked in parallel or sequentially.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed claim 1, wherein the registering comprises registering the plurality of contact addresses for the user in the controller entity which is provided in association with a multimedia network.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the registering comprises the user registering the plurality of contact addresses in at least two different communication networks.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the querying comprises applying a query to a sub-group of [[the]] known contact addresses.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed claim 1, further comprising indicating and assigning handling instructions for at least one contact address independently during registration of the at least one contact address.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the indicating and assigning comprises indicating and handling the handling instructions for the at least one contact address by either the user or the database.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory, wherein the at least one processor and the at least one memory provide operations comprising:

registering a plurality of contact addresses for a user;

receiving a request for a communication link to the user;

querying a database at a home subscriber server for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request, when a user preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the registering, wherein said queried information indicates whether said request is to be forked at least one of in parallel or sequentially, wherein the apparatus comprises a serving call state control function; and

processing the request based on the queried information from the database, when a user preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the registering

~~a register configured to register a plurality of contact addresses for a user; and~~

~~an interface to a database configured to store information regarding a manner regarding how to handle a request for the user;~~

~~a querying unit configured to query the database; and~~

~~a processor configured to process requests for connections to the user in accordance with the information from the database, said information indicating if said request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially, wherein the processor is configured to process a request for a connection in accordance with the information from the~~

~~database if no user preference has been indicated for the known contact addresses, the user preference indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially.~~

12-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

registration means for registering a plurality of contact addresses for a user;

interface means for interfacing to a database means for storing information regarding how to handle a request for the user;

querying means for querying the database at a home subscriber server for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request, when a user preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the registering, wherein said queried information indicates whether said request is to be forked at least one of in parallel or sequentially, wherein the apparatus comprises a serving call state control function; and

processing means for processing the request based on the queried information from the database, when a user preference for forking has not been included in at least one of the request or the registering

~~querying means for querying the database means for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request; and~~

~~processing means for processing the request in accordance with the information from the storage means, said information indicating if said request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially, wherein the processing means is configured to process the~~

~~request in accordance with the information from the storage means if no user preference has been indicated for the known contact addresses, the user preference indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially.~~

Claim 21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method of as claimed in claim 1, wherein the processing occurs in accordance with the information from the database if the request does not comprise any caller preferences, the caller preferences indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially.

Claims 24-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed claim 11, wherein the apparatus is provided in association with a multimedia network.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the registering register is configured to register the plurality of contact addresses in at least two different communication networks.

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the querying applies unit ~~is configured to apply~~ a query to a sub-group of ~~[[the]]~~ known contact addresses.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed claim 11, further comprising ~~a receiver configured to receive~~ receiving handling instructions for at least one contact address during registration of the at least one contact address.

30. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the ~~receiver receives the~~ handling instructions are received from at least one of either the user or the database.